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SUBJECT Compliance Referrral - Abex Company, 6600 Ridge Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri
63133 (MOD031003767) - (Interim Status Facility)FROM Robert L. Morby
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Chief, Air and Waste Compliance Branch

Attached is the background material on the above Company. The current situation is that we determined from correspondence regarding financial liability that the Company was closed at some undetermined time. This September 13, 1982 letter is the first official notice of closing we have had.

The only other indication of possible closing occurred in a telecon on May 18, 1982, when Betti Harris contacted Works Manager Mary Bill about an incomplete application. Ms. Bill said they "planned to close the facility" but did not know when. We had no further contact from them until September 13, 1982.

The Company claims to have had foundry wastes not being of a TSD nature, but a perusal of the Part A plot map shows a "sand dump landfill" next to a creek in which they have apparently placed the waste from all processes.

In working with the Missouri regulated community, we have found fairly widespread lack of concern among TSD owners who are closing or selling plants. Because their failure to notify us is a regulatory violation, we will refer these to you for investigation and appropriate action.

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